

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, June 9, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Don Woods called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

II. ROLL CALL

Board: Eileen Francolino, Mary Udice, Ed Marchion, Jen Win-Johnson, Don Woods, Ken Leggo, Bill DeBlasio, Beth Manke, Richard Khentigan

Board Members Absent:

Staff: Karen Gallicchio

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF May 12, 2015

Richard Khentigan made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting. Eileen Francolino seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 9-0 vote.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Rose Lyons of 46 Elton Drive – She would like to see the pathway cleaned up before the Extravaganza. She also asked if there were any plans to clean up the area around the community sign on the Town Green, the plants are over grown. Also, there are a lot of non-profit organizations putting up small signs near Town Green sign. Don said he would address the signs and talk to Mark Ripley of Parks and Grounds. The Beech tree needs a trim, Rose asked if there was scheduled maintenance for the tree. She thinks the bench for Dan Gallicchio is a wonderful idea. She asked where they might be putting it. Don mentioned the family is very supportive and it might be put at Mill Pond Park but he will wait for the new Superintendent.

Dave Goodale of 1741 Main Street – Has come to the Board Members regarding the lease and open house fees for the Deming-Young Farm Foundation, 282 Church Street, Newington. The Foundation is coming out of financial difficulty and the Deming-Young Farm house will be having an open house on Saturday, June 13th and would like to charge a \$3.00 admission fee for adults, children 12 and under would be free. Mr. Goodale has come to the Board for approval of the charge as per the lease sec. 20 D. states: *Lessee shall make the house at the demised premises available to citizens of Newington by setting reasonable visiting hours and fees subject to the approval of the Newington Board of Parks and Recreation, provided uses by agencies of the Town of Newington, including the Board of Education, shall be exempt from any fees.* The Parks and Rec Board members all agree that is a reasonable fee **MOTION - a motion was made by Ken Leggo to accept Dave Goodale's request for a \$3.00 admission charge for adults, children 12 and under are free, for all open houses at the Deming-Young Farm House. Mary Udice seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion was passed with a 9-0 vote.**

V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Community Center Update:

Still very much in planning stages, existing structure will most likely be torn down and a brand new facility be put up. Hopefully it will include two High School Regulation size gyms. Next Building Committee meeting will be June 16 at 7 pm. The cost looks to be approximately 37 million dollars which includes demolition costs.

Golf Tournament:

Golf Tournament shows a profit of approximately \$5,000. The surplus will go to the Enterprise fund. Karen Gallicchio requested some of the money to be used for a new TV in the Teen Center. **MOTION - a motion was made by Eileen Francolino to accept Karen Gallicchio's request for a new TV for the Teen Center not to exceed \$750.00. Mary Udice seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion was passed with a 9-0 vote.**

Extravaganza:

The Board members have signed up for the ticket booth. Two Board members and one staff will be in the booth.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

New Superintendent:

Bill DeMaio has been hired as the new Superintendent for the Parks and Recreation Department. John Salamone had Don Woods take part in the selection process. Don said Bill displayed excitement and enthusiasm, and thinks he will be terrific and bring new ideas. He has grant experience and 30 years experience in parks and recreation while working in New Britain. His first day will be July 6th.

Extras:

Ken Leggo is moving to Bolton. He expressed his thanks and how much he has enjoyed working with everyone.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Bill DeBlasio to adjourn. Beth Manke, seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm with a 9-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jay